

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA

CHIEF HEARING OFFICER DIRECTIVE

DOCKET NO. 2020-248-E ORDER NO. 2020-103-H

OCTOBER 26, 2020

CHIEF HEARING OFFICER: David Butler

DOCKET DESCRIPTION:

Joint Request of Dominion Energy South Carolina, Incorporated and Lone Star Solar, LLC to Toll Milestone Payment Deadline

MATTER UNDER CONSIDERATION:

Tolling of Milestone Hearing Date Until Public Service Commission Can Rule

CHIEF HEARING OFFICER'S ACTION:

According to a document submitted to the Commission, on August 31, 2020, Dominion Energy South Carolina, Inc. ("DESC") and Lone Star Solar, LLC ("Lone Star") (collectively, the "Parties") amended the underlying Interconnection Agreement ("IA") dated April 19, 2019 (hereinafter the "Amended IA"). Further, according to the document submitted by the parties, the Amended IA was necessary in order to allow revisions to information previously provided in the Appendices to the IA. Under the Amended IA, Lone Star requests interconnection facilities in-service as of August 1, 2022. Pursuant to the amended Milestone Table, Lonestar is to provide a financial payments/guarantees to DESC on or before October 26, 2020 ("Milestone 2"). Further, according to the document submitted by the parties, Lone Star brought a unique question to DESC's attention that warrants the Parties' further consideration. DESC states that Lone Star presented its issue well before the October 26, 2020 date; the Parties have discussed the issue; and DESC has determined that revising the due date for Milestone 2 to allow for a limited extension of time will not adversely affect lower queued customers. In light of the combined factors above, the Parties jointly support revising the timeline for Milestone 2. Therefore, the Parties respectfully request that the Commission grant the Parties permission to negotiate a revised due date for Milestone 2 in the Milestone Table, and that Lone Star's payment obligation for Milestone 2 be tolled pending those negotiations.

Clearly, this is a matter that should be determined by the entire Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("the Commission). However, the Commission does not meet again until Wednesday, October 28, 2020. For that reason, Lone Star's payment obligation for Milestone 2 is tolled at this time, until the full Public Service Commission of South Carolina can rule on this entire matter at its meeting on Wednesday, October 28, 2020. This ends the Chief Hearing Officer's Order.